

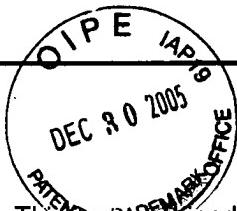
**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
15302ZYXWAZ (HRT-176)

In Re Application Of: John H. Stevens et al.

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/665,236	September 17, 2003	David J. Isabella	23389	3738	6287

Invention: MINIMALLY-INVASIVE DEVICES AND METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE



COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This ~~supplementary~~ combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 24, 2005 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: November 24, 2005 *Date* until: December 27, 2005 *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	21 -	21 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$120.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$120.00

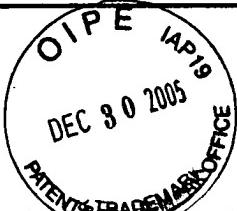
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of \$120.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**
- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. _____.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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